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THE WEATHER

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CITY NATIONAL AND GERMAN AMERICAN BANKS ARE MERGED

Consolidation Complete and Business Will Be Continued in the Skyscraper at Sixteenth and Harney.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Officers of the German Bank Control and Most of Those of City National Step Out.

FLACK TO LOAN COMPANIES

As the result of negotiations that have been going on for several weeks, another big bank consolidation has been effected, which joins together the City National and the German-American State banks. The union is in the nature of purchase of control of the City National by the capitalists who are interested in the State bank. The new turn was apparently expedited by the recent Board of Trade fire, in which building the German-American bank had been located. The official announcement of the consolidation is as follows:

Statement by Officers.
The German-American State bank and the City National bank of Omaha were last Saturday consolidated under the name of the City National bank of Omaha.

The capital of the consolidated institutions is \$2,000,000, with a surplus of \$1,000,000. Deposits of the consolidated bank are approximately \$2,500,000.

The German-American State bank, formerly located in the Board of Trade building, at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, and since the fire in that building, February 15, temporarily located at Fifteenth and Farnam streets, has for some time been diligently seeking a good location and this consolidation with the City National bank, with its modern and beautiful banking quarters, offers a complete solution of its desire.

John F. Flack, former president of the City National bank, and as well president of the Bankers' Mortgage Loan company and the Occidental Building and Loan association, both large and successful institutions, relieves from the management of the City National bank only to give his undivided attention to these two latter institutions.

The officers of the new bank are: Fred R. Baker, president; E. L. Thomas, vice president; John P. Hecox, cashier; J. P. Hackett, assistant cashier; J. D. Utendorfer, assistant cashier; E. C. Goerks, assistant cashier.

All business of the consolidated banks has been transferred to the City National bank, where the management of these institutions will be glad to meet their customers.

Officers of Bank.
The new officers of the City National, as will be seen, are for the most part the officers of the German-American bank, who came here from Illinois last summer to establish this institution. Cashier, Hecox and Assistant Cashier Utendorfer of the consolidated bank were officers of the City National before the union. The other officers under the consolidation were those of the German-American.

Drivers Injured in Accidents on Street

Dave Kaplan, 244 Franklin street, driving a New England bakery wagon, collided with an auto driven by Carl Erickson, at Tenth and Howard streets and sustained lacerations about the limbs. The auto was the property of the Drummond Motor company.

L. C. Kemp, 30 North Sixteenth street, sustained similar injuries when a team owned by Fred Henneman ran away and collided with Kemp's furniture wagon at Thirtieth and Fowler streets. The Henneman team had been tied at Thirtieth and Fowler streets and ran away when they became frightened of a little girl on roller skates.

The Weather

For Nebraska and Iowa—Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours.	Temp.
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	32
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	32
1 p. m.	32
2 p. m.	32
3 p. m.	32
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	32
6 p. m.	32
7 p. m.	32

Comparative Local Record.	
1915, 1914, 1913, 1912.	
Highest yesterday	32
Lowest yesterday	29
Mean temperature	30
Precipitation	.00

U. S. BATTLESHIP TO PROTECT THE EITEL

Alabama Ordered to Hampton Roads to Aid in Maintaining Neutrality of Coast.

RAIDER WANTS ESCORT

BULLETIN.
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 28.—The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich was still at its berth at midnight tonight and there was nothing to indicate unusual activity aboard the vessel. Guards patrolled the dock and the ship's deck as usual. It was reported, however, that invitations to a dinner aboard the Eitel which had been issued for tomorrow were recalled tonight without explanation.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The battleship Alabama of the reserve fleet, was ordered to Hampton Roads last night on "neutrality duty," according to an announcement from the Navy department. The battleship is at the Philadelphia yard.

Secretary Daniels said it was intended to place one large vessel on guard to support the submarines and destroyers, which have been on duty since the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich reached Newport News.

Heavy ships had been employed in neutrality duty at Boston and New York, the secretary said, and it was thought best to take similar precautions at Hampton Roads, as the smaller vessels would be handicapped in the event of heavy weather.

Flagship of Helm.
The Alabama is the flagship of Rear Admiral James M. Helm, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic reserve fleet. Secretary Daniels said Admiral Helm would decide for himself whether or not to accompany his ship.

The fact that the Alabama probably would not be able to get away until sometime tomorrow (Sunday), as it would be necessary not only to round up the members of its crew, who had been given shore liberty, but also to take on stores. If the ship needs coal, it will be necessary to get it from Hampton Roads before Monday morning.

The fact that orders were sent to the Alabama's commander at a late hour tonight, however, indicated that there was some urgency in the matter not explained by Secretary Daniels.

Inquiry for Protection.
There were unconfirmed reports here tonight that Captain Therichens of the Prinz Eitel had made an inquiry of the Washington government as to what protection he might expect within the three-mile limit should he decide to attempt to run the gauntlet of enemy warships said to be awaiting him.

Captain Therichens is said to have been the possessor of the vessel was entitled to protection from any molestation while within the territorial waters of the United States, and in this view it is understood government officials concur.

No officials who could be reached tonight, however, would discuss the matter, and the only official explanation of the Alabama's status that could be obtained was that given by Secretary Daniels.

Will Be Interred.
The Prinz Eitel Friedrich will be interred at Newport News by order of the Washington government within a few days, according to opinions expressed here tonight in official quarters. No one is authorized, however, to discuss the ship's status.

There is little doubt that a time limit for the making of repairs to the Eitel had been set by the government and that the limit is close to exhaustion. When the period granted shall expire, Commander Therichens of the Eitel will be formally notified that he must either put to sea within twenty-four hours or his war and crew will be interned for the war.

Can Appeal for Time.
The German captain could appeal for time to make further repairs, but this only would be granted, it is thought, on a new and unexpected showing as to the unseaworthiness of his vessel.

It appeared to be the general opinion that Commander Therichens would not ask that his ship be interned, but would wait out his time limit and compel the government to act.

Ordered to Report.
PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—The authorities of the Philadelphia navy yard tonight notified the superintendent of the Philadelphia police to notify all enlisted men, wherever found, to report at the navy yard at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. The request of the navy yard was made on an order by the police and was read to all patrolmen who went on duty at midnight.

Sailors and marines who were found on the streets were very much surprised when told of the order by patrolmen, but they obeyed instantly, with the result that every car bound for the navy yard carried enlisted men as passengers.

KEEPING WATCH ON THE ARMY COOKS—Colonel of the Russian medical corps tasting the food prepared for the soldiers fighting in Galicia.



PALM SERVICES AT HOLY WEEK'S START

Catholics Observe Day with Special Worship of Song and Praise.

ALL CHURCHES HAVE SHARE

Palm Sunday was observed at St. Peter's Catholic church yesterday morning by low mass at 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock, and high mass at 11 o'clock. Special music was arranged for the high mass, in commemoration of the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem and the strewing of palms in His path, hundreds and hundreds of palms were distributed to those present. Rev. Father McCarthy, pastor of the church, with assistants, said mass.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the observance of Holy Week in all the Catholic churches. The week includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, which last day is devoted largely to blessing the oils and holy waters used in the Easter services.

At 3 p. m. Friday there are to be special services in commemoration of the exact hour in which the Savior died on the cross.

In Other Churches.
At St. Cecilia's, 705 North Fortieth street, Father D. P. Harrington, assisted by Fathers Fitzgald and Gally, conducted services at 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. The 11 o'clock service was attended by a congregation believed to be one of the largest ever assembled in the edifice.

At St. John's church, Twenty-fifth and California streets, the blessing of the palms and chanting of the Passion formed the services, with high mass, Father W. W. Brongeloff, assisted by Fathers Whelan, Harrington and Schmidt.

At Sacred Heart.
Services at 7, 9 and 10:30 in English and Latin were held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 2002 North Twenty-second street. Distribution of the blessed palms and high mass comprised the services, which were conducted by Father Judge, assisted by Father Collins.

Bishop Scannell did not officiate at any church, spending the day at his home, 808 North Thirty-sixth street.

Costs Britain 13,000 Men to Gain One Mile

LONDON, March 28.—The British public is not deceived by the lack of definite reports as to the British losses in the Nueve Chapelle fight in France. The official announcement that the British had taken 1,800 prisoners and the official estimate that the Germans must have lost 18,000 men in the terrific bombardment, prepared the public for heavy loss on the British side. Rumors ran that the total loss, to gain about a mile of territory was in the neighborhood of 13,000 men.

Steamers Crash in Fog; No Loss of Life
NEW ORLEANS, La., March 28.—The United Fruit steamer Heredia collided with the Levland liner Parisian, aground off the bar at the entrance of the Mississippi river late today, then ran into and sank the steamer Theodor Weema. There was no loss of life. There was a heavy fog at the time.

DEMOCRACY AND YOUTH OF CHIEFS WIN FOR FRANCE

More Than Three-Fourths of Officers at Head of Armies and Army Corps of Republic Under Sixty.

OLDER MEN ARE CROWDED OUT
Ranks of Privates Drawn Upon for Commanders as War Deaths Create Vacancies.

LEADERS YOUNG AND AUDACIOUS
LONDON, March 28.—Under the caption, "The French Army as It Is," the French review of the war deals exhaustively with the condition of the army after six months of war, the higher command, the supply of officers and noncommissioned officers and of munitions of war of all kinds, and transport and auxiliary services.

The compiler of the report, beginning his review on February 1, states that the condition of the French army is excellent and appreciably superior to what it was at the beginning of the war from the three points of view of numbers, quality and equipment.

Younger Men in Control.
In the higher command the important changes have been made. It has, in fact, been rejuvenated by the promotion of young commanders of superb quality to high rank. All the old generals, who at the beginning of August were at the head of the large commands, have been gradually eliminated, some as the result of the physical strain of the war and others by appointment to other commands.

This rejuvenation of higher ranks of the army has been carried out in a far-reaching manner and it may be said that it has embraced all the grades of military hierarchy, from commanders of brigades to commanders of armies. The result has been to lower the average age of general officers by ten years. Today more than three-fourths of the officers commanding armies and army corps are less than 60 years of age. Some are considerably younger. A number of army corps commanders are from 45 to 54 years of age, and the brigade commanders are usually under 50. There are, in fact, at the front extremely few general officers over 60 and these are men who are in full possession of their physical and intellectual powers.

System of Promotion.
This rejuvenation of the high command was facilitated by a number of circumstances, notable among which were the strengthening of the higher regimental ranks carried out during the 18 months preceding the war, as a result of which at the outset of the campaign each infantry regiment had two lieutenant colonels and each cavalry and artillery regiment a captain and a lieutenant colonel, and also the system of promotion for the duration of the war.

Thus above all to the warlike qualities of the race, and the democratic spirit of our army, we have been able to draw upon the lower grades and even upon the rank and file for officers. Many men who began the war on August 15 as privates now wear the officers' epaulettes. The elasticity of our regiments regarding promotions in war time, the absence of prejudice by all officers to those of their military inferiors who have shown under fire their fitness to command have enabled us to meet all requirements.

The state of infantry on January 15 was very satisfactory and much superior to that of the general infantry.

Exceptionally Brilliant.
On an average each of our regiments has forty-eight officers, including eighteen regular officers, eighteen reserve officers and six noncommissioned officers. In each regiment six of the twelve companies are commanded by captains who are regular officers, three by lieutenants of the reserve and three by lieutenants. Each company has at least three officers. In summing up the state of the army as regards the command, from the highest to the lowest ranks, it declared to be exceptionally brilliant.

The army is led by young, well-trained and daring chiefs and the lower commissioned ranks have acquired the art of war by experience. Finally a tribute is paid to the work of the staffs of the armies and of the army corps which were formed three years ago and have thrown themselves into their work in entire agreement both of views and methods.

Survivors of Denver Arrive in New York

NEW YORK, March 28.—Captain Fred G. Avery of the American steamer Denver, which was abandoned March 23 after wireless calls had brought rescuing steamers to its aid, arrived today with Mrs. Avery and thirteen members of his crew on the steamer Megantic. Captain Avery declined to talk. Members of the crew said the Denver had been leaking several days before its abandonment, and that for two days the fires under the boilers had been out.

Captain David T. Smith of the American steamer Evelyn, which was sunk by a mine in the North Sea, was a passenger on the Denver and arrived here on the Megantic.

Wife Finds Husband Had Died in Night

When Mrs. J. H. Green, 2130 North Twenty-eighth street awoke Sunday morning and attempted to arouse her husband, she found that he was dead. Mrs. Green was 23 years old and worked as a laborer. It is believed that death came as the result of heart failure.

Besides his widow the dead man leaves several small children. A post mortem examination will be held at the coroner's office, probably Monday.

FRENCH WIN HOLD ON MOUNTAIN TOP

Peak in the Argennes Now in Possession of Gauls After Changing Hands Several Times.

BATTLING IN THE CARPATHIANS
LONDON, March 28.—While there has been some fighting along the East Prussian frontier and in Bukovina, the mountains of both the east and the west are the scenes of the most important engagements at present.

In the Vosges the French, after a long fight, in which the position changed hands more than once, have finally established themselves on the summit of Hartmannsweilerkopf, a mountain peak fifteen miles northwest of Muelhausen and a few miles north of Thann. This is considered an important success, as it gives the French command of a considerable amount of country occupied by the Germans. The fight for the position has been a bitter one and has been going on for many days.

Russian Attacks.
In the east, the Carpathians are still the scene of the most violent battles, the Russians attacking night and day. In their last official communication they claimed to be advancing steadily on the Buzfield-front, in spite of the fact that the Austrians have been strongly reinforced.

Tonight, however, the Austrian official announcement says that the Russian attack has miscarried, and that the Russians have suffered heavy losses. The Austrians also claim to have repelled the Russian offensive in Bukovina and to have forced their opponents back to the frontier.

The struggle here has been carried on under the most terrible weather conditions, the men having to haul the guns and carry their charges through deep snow.

On the western front, beyond the French Vosges, where the German quantity of stores and left many dead on the field, there have been no events of importance, neither side apparently being ready as yet for the big effort which everybody has been expecting.

There have been the usual bombardments and shelling as much damage as they can to military works. A Zeppelin this afternoon passed the island of Schiermonnikoog, north of Holland, flying in a westerly direction, and an attack on some English towns was expected, but if such were its intention its arrival along the English coast has not been reported so far.

Fly Over German Lines.
Each day allied airmen fly over the German lines in Belgium and France gathering information. They vary this duty by dropping bombs on railway junctions and doing as much damage as they can to military works. A Zeppelin this afternoon passed the island of Schiermonnikoog, north of Holland, flying in a westerly direction, and an attack on some English towns was expected, but if such were its intention its arrival along the English coast has not been reported so far.

The official returns for the last week of the effects of the German submarine blockade of England show that three vessels were sunk and one was torpedoed, but reached port, while the total sailing tonnage amounted to 1,456 vessels.

Holland's request for an explanation from Germany of the sinking of the Medea and the capture of two other Dutch steamers is creating a lot of interest in diplomatic circles, where it is pointed out that the vessels of other neutral countries have not been molested.

The water is so deep at the point where the Eitel is said to have disappeared that navy officers asserted today without diving apparatus which would permit them to go down 300 feet, the task of locating the craft and lifting it, if it is found, will present great mechanical difficulties.

Man Has the Power To Choose the Facts He Will Deal With

Elliot Holbrook lectured on the "Principles of Man and Their Relation to the Planes of Nature," at Theosophical hall, Sunday evening, completing a series of lectures. He spoke of man in the physical world, as buying himself with things which he considers the most important, viz. facts. The least report of the speaker, "man finally comes to him through his efforts toward higher things, a vision that these facts are only the means to an end. During the period in his heavenly life, these facts are all assimilated and finally made into concepts, which are used by the ego as faculties in another life. The ego gradually recognizes that the small things of physical life are of an unsatisfactory nature and is finally led to know that they are only a part of the whole. It sees that the whole is God, the completed part of nature, as manifested nature is the incomplete part."

Masons Send Money To Brothers Over Sea

CINCINNATI, O., March 28.—Thirteen thousand dollars has been sent to the grand lodges of Masons in eight European countries for the relief of suffering or destitute Masons there, according to a report issued today by the executive committee of the Masonic War Relief association of the United States. Of this amount the grand lodges of Germany, England, Ireland and Belgium each received \$1,500, while \$1,000 has been divided between the grand lodges of France, Italy, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

The committee reported that the fund was rapidly approaching \$50,000, contributed in its entirety by Free Masons of the United States.

EIGHT MASKED ROBBERS LOOT MAIL ORDER HOUSE

CHICAGO, March 28.—Eight masked robbers early today entered the mail order house of Babson Bros., felled the watchman, John Kastory, with an iron bar, blew open two safes and a vault and escaped with more than \$4,000. Kastory's wounds were superficial.

SEARCHERS FIND OLD SHIPANCHOR; NO TRACE OF F-4

Quest of Lost United States Submarine So Far Futile, is Discovery of Deep Sea Diver.

RECORD DESCENT OF 215 FEET

Toilers All Time Trying to Lift Lost Iron of the Battleship Oregon.

SECOND CHAIN ON OCEAN BED

HONOLULU, March 28.—Despair supplanted hope today in the search for the missing United States submarine F-4, when two divers discovered that chains from the dredger California, which had been fouled with something on the floor of the ocean outside Honolulu harbor since Friday afternoon, were not attached to the lost craft.

All the resources at the command of naval officers here had been employed for two days and nights in an effort to raise what was supposed to be the F-4, but which developed to be only an old anchor from the battleship Oregon.

As it became apparent early today that the attempt to get into water not too deep for divers to work was not meeting with rapid success, a message was sent to the naval base at Pearl Harbor, and a gigantic naval crane was prepared to go to the scene.

Diver Descends 215 Feet.
Meanwhile a diver named Agram, clad only in a jersey suit, tightly reinforced, and a diver's lung, descended, an heroic attempt to reach the lower end of 215 feet of chain. For twenty-two minutes he was going down. Then there was a brief, anxious wait, and Agram signaled to be pulled up. In nine and a half minutes from the signal he was at the surface again, showing no ill effects of the unusual performance, said by naval officers to be a world's record for deep sea diving.

Agram reported that the chain was fouled with an old anchor, lost from the battleship Oregon sometime ago. He had seen no trace of the F-4.

The relief workers who had toiled without sleep, and almost without pausing to eat, since Thursday were visibly downcast by the news.

No Trace of Submarine.
Another chain was attached to something ninety feet below the surface. A diver named Evans at once descended along this chain to investigate. He returned soon with the statement that it was merely caught on the bed of the ocean.

Lieutenant Charles E. Smith, commander of the submarine division stationed here, who has been in constant personal charge of the search since the F-4 disappeared, gave orders to resume dragging the bottom of the sea.

The positive statement was made here today by Naval Constructor Julius A. Purer that the four submarines of the Hawaii division were examined as to their stability only a month ago. He said that all were found in good condition.

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